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DIRECTOR (PHNOM PENH) (VIENTIANE) SAIGON

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REF: DIRECTOR 88114 KNOTAL)

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1. MR. MITCHELL A. WERBELL, MILITARY ARMAMENT

CORPORATION (FORMERLY AN ELEMENT OF WERBELL'S GEORGIA

BASED FIRM OF SIONICS WHICH REPORTEDLY WENT

BANKRUPT), IS BACK IN BANGKOK ATTEMPTING TO SELL HIS WARES

(MACHINE PISTOLS AND SNIPER RIFLES). THE REF MESSAGE CITES

THE FACT THAT HQS HAS A LENGTHY 201 ON SUBJECT (201-259910)

AND THAT HE IS CHARACTERIZED AS UNSCRUPULOUS, A WHEELER-DEALER

AND A PROMOTER OF GRANDIOSE SCHEMES. HE HAS ON OCCASION

ALLUDED EITHER TO BEING AN LNLUTE REP OR HAVING LNLUTE BACKING.

2. SUBJECT MET WITH SEVERAL LNCUFF OFFICERS ON 5 NOV

71 AND RELATED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING AGAIN TO INTEREST THE

THAI GOVERNMENT IN PURCHASING HIS PRODUCTS. SUBJECT CLAIMS

TO BE PERSONAL FRIEND OF AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAWEE AND THAT

HIS SAMPLE WEAPONS WERE CONSIGNED TO DAWEE IN ORDER TO BRING

THEM INTO THAILAND. 3. SUBJECT ADVISED LNCUFF THAT GEN. KRIANGSAK

HAD ORDERED

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ONE HUNDRED MACHINE PISTOLS AND TWENTY SNIPER RIFLES. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH H.S.H. ADMIRAL DISKUL, CHIEF AIDE DE CAMP TO H.M. THE KING AND CLAIMS HE WILL SELL HIS MACHINE PISTOL TO THE ROYAL PALACE GUARDS. FURTHER CLAIMS HE WILL HAVE AUDIENCE THIS WEEK WITH H.M. THE KING.

4. FOLLOWING HIS CURRENT THAILAND VISIT, ON 16 NOV 71 SUBJECT AND MR. JASON M. STONE (201-096998) PLAN TRAVEL PHNOM PENH. PLAN TO CONTACT MR. LADD AT PHNOM PENH. ACCORDING LNCUFF SUBJECT PLANS CONTACT CAMBODIAN MIL. AUTHORITIES FOR POSSIBLE WEAPONS SALES. SUBJECT HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITEMS FOR GEN. POKSAMAN IN BANGKOK.

5. MR. JASON M. STONE IS HEAD OF BANGKOK BASED FIRM OF ASSOCIATED CONSULTANTS COMPANY LTD. HE IS CHINESE, WHO WORKED WITH WERBELL IN SEA DURING WWII. SUBJECT NOW REPRESENTS BELGIAN ARMS FIRMS AND IS REP FOR PILATUS PORTER AIRCRAFT.

6. FOLLOWING PHNOM PENH VISIT WERBELL PLANS TRAVEL TO LAOS IN A PILATUS PORTER, PROBABLY WITH STONE.

7. DUE RESTRICTION ON PASSING DEROG ON U.S. CITIZEN, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH TO FOLLOW IS CAREFUL ADVICE TO LOCAL

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(LAI SON)²⁴ THAT SUBJECT HAS NO OFFICIAL LNLUTE RELATION

AND CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN ANY BUSINESS DEAL. GP-1

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